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Students talk about their differing viewpoints on affirmative action outside the UMD Bookstore.

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Affirmative Action Bake Sale priced goods on the color of the buyer's shirt; some students claim undertones of racism, others claim the policy itself is racist

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## Bake sale pushes more than brownies

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It's Monday afternoon, and a crowd of people have gathered around a table where the College Republicans are holding a bake sale. They're selling brownies and chocolate chip cookies, and an argument that affirmative action represents a form of "reverse racism."

The people standing around here today aren't buying either.

"You just told all of us we don't count," says Mandy Carter, an adviser to President Barack Obama's Presidential Appointments Project, who was on campus to speak at the Kirby Ballroom that night.

"I'm not saying that at all," says one of the attendants at the table.

The College Republicans were holding what's commonly known as an Affirmative Action Bake Sale, in which the price of baked goods is determined by the color of shirt the buyer is wearing, in a tongue-in-cheek representation of what they see as affirmative action's unfair bias towards some racial groups over others in college admissions.

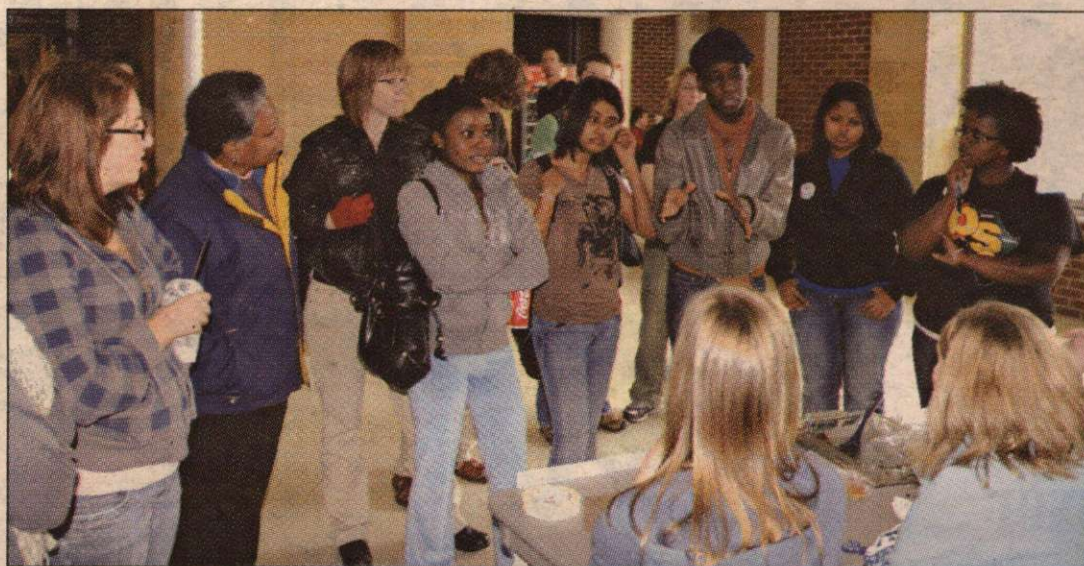
For example, if you're wearing a white shirt, you pay \$.25. If you're wearing a red or black shirt, you pay \$.15, and if you're wearing a brown shirt, you pay \$.10.

Traditional affirmative action bake sales, held previously at college campuses across the country, used the actual race of buyers to determine what they would pay for the baked goods. Using shirt colors instead was a way to tone it down a bit, according to Tyler Verry, the co-chair of UMD's College Republicans.

For UMD's Director of African American student programs, David Comer, though, all of the previous undertones are clearly still there.

"That whole concept to me is racist," he said, "and it's not a representation of affirmative action."

The intent of the bake sale, said College Republican member Brynn Severson, was to draw attention to what she says is the splintering effect of policies like affirmative action. While the policy is an effort to encourage equality, she said, its only real impact



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A group of students question the students holding the Affirmative Action Bake Sale.

is to draw further attention to differences.

"Why can't everybody just be Americans? I want to be judged by my merits, not the color of my skin," she said.

Comer said that idea ignores the wide scope of American history, in which certain groups have regularly been cast aside as "others" by a majority white American culture.

"When do underrepresented people become Americans?" he asked. "Was it during slavery? Was it during the extermination of Native Americans and the assimilation of their culture? Was it during the Japanese internment camps in World War II? At times, people pick and choose when I'm an American."

Junior Eleni Johnson stumbled upon the bake sale by accident on Monday morning. She was about to buy a brownie, she said, but on second glance, she realized what the intent of the sale actually was.

"I felt queasy," she said. "I couldn't even say anything. I had to walk away."

Johnson said that the idea espoused by the table attendants that we are all the same under the law contradicts her own experience of racism as a black student.

"It's devaluing every experience I've ever had, and it's not okay," she said.

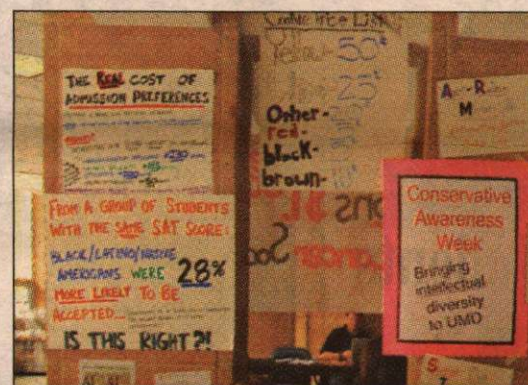
Senior Hana Dinku, a black student, pointed to the fact that all the table attendants in question were white, and that their message was a condescending way of saying "we know what's best for you."

"It's a typical white-privileged attitude," Dinku said. "They're spouting off about something they don't know about."

For sophomore Tyler Verry, race has nothing to do with it. That was the entire point of the bake sale, he said.

"Just because I'm not a minority, doesn't mean I can't have an opinion on this issue," he said.

Verry admitted—as a large crowd debated with



Signs hanging above the Affirmative Action Bake Sale table.

table attendants behind him—that he was a bit surprised by the response. Earlier in the day, response was muted, with people mostly expressing support. In the afternoon, however, more people, mostly negative to their views, began to gather.

Carter said she was eating at the food court with members of the Black Student Association and the Student Association when somebody came up and said, "You won't believe what's happening downstairs."

They all went down to investigate, and joined an already growing crowd debating with the table members.

Carter said the bake sale was part of a larger trend of ignorance about affirmative action and what it actually is for.

"This is a small case, but the whole society is going through it," she said. "I just get very nervous about it."

In the end, though, she bought a small bag of chocolate chip cookies.

"You can have a disagreement and not be disagreeable," she said.

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# Students take to Duluth's streets for spring cleaning

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Cleaning up the college student reputation as well as the community was the goal this past Saturday afternoon, April 18. Nearly 90 UMD students, as well as some faculty and neighborhood residents, armed themselves with trash bags and gloves and went out into parts of Duluth to pick up some of the garbage that the melted snow had revealed.

The Citywide Cleanup was an event put on by UMD's Better Neighbors program, which is designed to encourage positive communication and interaction between off-campus students and their neighbors. Senior Thomas DeMinico is the director of Better Neighbors, and he saw the cleanup as a way for students to get a better sense of being a resident of the city, rather than just a student at the school.

"It's a way for UMD students to reach out and make a positive impact in the community," he said. "It's a small effort, but a good catalyst and a good first step to improving relationships."

For years, college students have had a tarnished reputation among the permanent residents of Duluth, but DeMinico believes that can change.

"We're not all crazy drunk people," he said. "We can actually take responsibility and be good neighbors."

The Citywide Cleanup is a good start.

Carly Dornfeld, a senior at UMD, was one of the students that took part in the community service on Saturday.

"We should take pride in where we live," she said. "It's good to show the community that UMD students are caring as well."

Another student participant was Alyssa Boos, who took part in the cleanup with a group of fellow RAs. Boos contributed not only to volunteer, but also to give back to the area.

"This does help the community," she said. "Duluth is a pretty city and can look nice when the snow is actually gone."

The efforts did not go unnoticed.

Dornfeld said her group was approached by a citizen of the neighborhood and thanked. According to DeMinico, Campus Neighbors, a committee of permanent residents, is appreciative as well.

"When [Campus Neighbors] gets together to talk about neighborhood issues, there are often complaints about students," DeMinico said. "Events like the cleanup are our efforts to alleviate some of that."

Anthony Kukull agreed.

As a permanent Duluthian, Kukull admitted to having some issues with student neighbors, but applauded the efforts of the cleanup crew.

"I think it's very important," he said. "I have had some rowdy students as neighbors, but it is important that they care about the community."

Kukull believes that the reputation students have here needs to be improved and that events like the cleanup will help.

"I'm sure it will," he said. "This will definitely make a difference in how they're viewed, especially in the college area."

The annual Citywide Cleanup not only benefits the community and its residents, but it also has a positive impact on the students involved.

"It's about getting the students out there



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UMD students clean up trash in the Central Hillside community.

and making them feel more welcome," DeMinico said. "Instead of just communicat-

ing with their neighbors, it's taking it a step further—they're working together."

## Students form 'Core Four' to create a line of communication with CLA

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A group of students who call themselves the "Core Four" have made it their mission to make sure that the student body is fully aware of how the proposed budget cuts for the next school year will be determined, and they want students to have a voice before the halls empty for the summer.

Jennifer Swalboski, a student in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), was receiving e-mails through the department that were directed towards faculty and staff; these e-mails were not sent to the mass majority of the student body.

"I was receiving these e-mails, because I am a research assistant, and I was listed on the faculty e-mail list," Swalboski said. "I became concerned because no one I knew was getting the information that I was."

The lack of information provided to students was a concern for Swalboski, who in turn gathered with friends to form the coal-

tion of roughly nine students. The coalition is concerned with the fact that students are not being involved in the updates of budget cuts, which will directly affect their tuition costs for next year.

Nichole Wentzloff, a member of the coalition, said that their goal is not to inform the student body of what will be cut, but to create a line of communication between faculty and students.

"We don't think the CLA department is actively trying to open a line of communication," she said. "Decisions will be made when there are no students to voice their concerns."

Wentzloff explained that cuts would most likely be determined this summer when there are a limited number of students on campus. Because of that limitation, students will not be able to actively participate in the decision-making process.

Although students do not have an official position in the process, they do, however, have a voice that can persuade how decisions are to be made.

Chere Bergeron, who is another member of the coalition, believes that the CLA has not been upfront with their proposed cuts, and hopes that changes can be made.

"We want the CLA to inform their students about what's going on, so we don't have to make all of these waves," she said. "The CLA needs to make an effort in promoting awareness."

Dean of the CLA Dr. Linda Krug explained to the coalition that within each college there are certain students who are selected that represent the specific colleges at meetings and school functions. These student representatives are then in charge of choosing more students who are welcome to attend college functions and assemblies.

In theory, this sounds as though their peers within a faculty setting are representing the student body, Swalboski said, but that there are missing links, and because of the CLA department's shortcomings, the student body is not fully receiving the information that they deserve.

In order to fully be informed, Swalboski and the coalition asked the CLA to hold a forum for discussion that would be open to the public.

"The forum is a place where students will be able to voice their concerns, and this helps explain the structure of things and involves students," she said.

A date has not been set for the forum, but in collaboration with the CLA and the student representatives within the college, a forum is being arranged for a day in early May, according to an e-mail from Krug.

The forum will be open for students to listen to now they will be affected by the budget cuts for next year. Swalboski believes that the CLA is heading in the right direction, but a forum is not going to drastically affect the outcome of things.

"We are all in a tight spot right now," she said. "We are in a global crisis, and people should know how cuts will affect their tuition."



# Up to code doesn't mean accessible for all students with disabilities

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Many times, just to get where she needs to be, Kristal Dahlager has to wait for a stranger to open doors that she physically can't.

"I try to get to my classes a little early," she said, but sometimes she has to wait several minutes for someone to come by and open a door.

Dahlager, a UMD senior majoring in statistics and actuary science, has Arthrogryposis, a condition which causes muscle weakness and frozen joints. She relies on a wheelchair to get around, and she isn't alone in her problems with accessibility at UMD.

University officials are quick to proclaim that everything on campus meets code, but some students and staff think more could be done.

"The issue that I've faced is that there are only a few bathrooms that have mechanically operated doors," she said.

Despite the presence of these doors in some bathrooms, Dahlager said that she has had problems managing stall doors. She said that, because of this, she doesn't usually use the bathrooms on campus.

Dahlager also has problems with the doors in the new Labovitz School of Business and Economics. The doors there are weighted, and because of this, she often has to have someone help her open doors.

"It's not a huge issue because there's always someone around that can help," she said. "What they could do is install those doors, but there's an issue of cost."

According to John Rashid, associate director of the Building and Project Management Services Division of UMD Facilities Management, installing the mechanical operating system on doors that were previously put in place without one can cost from \$1,000 to \$1,500, depending on the door.

Rashid said that the weighted doors are not actually weighted but instead made to ensure that the door latches upon closing. They're designed to prevent the spread of fire should one occur, he said.

Rashid said that the new Civic Engineering building will be fully acces-

sible. He said that there are also plans to improve accessibility in the old business school, but funding for the project is pending approval from the Twin Cities campus.

Pam Griffin, UMD's former General Disability Services coordinator, said that most of the permanently disabled students who use the bathrooms at UMD tend to figure things out. They find the bathrooms that best suit their needs and schedules.

"I think it's the people who aren't regular users who find problems, because everything isn't perfect at UMD," she said.

These temporarily disabled students are often the ones who come to her with complaints, she said. According to the UMD Disability Resources Web site, UMD is not obligated by the Americans with Disabilities Act to provide accommodations to temporarily disabled students, but it does say that Disability Resources will attempt to help them as much as is possible.

Griffin said that the campus isn't necessarily as welcoming as it could be to students with disabilities.

"Money always seems to be the driving factor," she said.

Griffin said that UMD Disability Resources isn't always consulted in regards to new building projects, but each project has to instead be approved by Disability Services at the Twin Cities campus. She said she would like to have bathrooms without doors—like those seen in airports—in the new Civil Engineering building.

Griffin said that Lake Superior College recently built an addition that featured doorless bathrooms. She said she was disappointed that they beat UMD to the punch.

According to Rashid, this won't be the case at UMD. Bathrooms in the Civil Engineering building will be equipped with mechanical openers.

Despite this, Penny Cragun, the director of Disability Resources, said that UMD does, in fact, meet all necessary code requirements.

"There's a difference between code requirements and what is workable," she said.

Cragun explained that things such as toilet paper dispensers may meet code



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## Kristal Dahlager navigates the hallways in Kirby.

but aren't necessarily workable. She said that Facilities Management is responsible for legal codes, but that Disability Resources works with other campus organizations to make it as pleasant as possible for all students.

"We're only one part of the university," she said. "We try and work with the rest of the campus."

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## Hillsider blurb accuses chancellor of misuse of funds

In its section "Gardenia and Garlic," in which readers submit praise or critiques of community groups and leaders, the Hillsider published a submission that read, "Garlic to Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin for choosing to charter a jet to the three UMD football games at a cost of \$40,000.00. With all the bad news about UMD cuts in staff and raising tuition, couldn't she ride with the team ... Can she explain?" UMD News Director Susan Beasy Latto responded in an e-mail that a flight was chartered for only one playoff game, the match-up between UMD and Grand Valley State. Seven administrators, including Martin, flew to the game in Allendale, Mich. The trip was meant to be a cost-saving measure, Latto wrote. If the administrators would have gone with the team, she wrote that the bus charter company would have charged \$900 per person.

## Hartman seeks DFL endorsement for city council run

UMD graduate student and former SA President Daniel Hartman said he will be seeking the DFL endorsement in his run for city council. The Duluth DFL will decide on its two city council at large nominations at its May 16 convention. Hartman said that he's confident he'll receive the nomination because only two people are currently seeking the two endorsements. Just to be sure, though, he said he was calling all the delegates who will make the nominations and introducing himself.

## Twin Ports unemployment hits new high

The unemployment rate in the Duluth/Superior metropolitan area is now 10 percent, according to March data posted by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. In the entire state of Minnesota, the rate is 8.9 percent, the highest level since 1983.

## East High School grad Goucher places third in Boston Marathon

Duluth East High School graduate Kara Goucher placed third in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 13. Goucher was leading for much of the race, but fell behind Dire Tune and Saline Kosgei, both of Kenya, in the last mile of the race. She finished with a time of 2:32:25.

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## CORRECTION:

UMD Health Services Administrative Director Vicki Schneider was misquoted in last week's Statesman story entitled

"Recommendations for student service fees passed to chancellor." The Health Services office is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, while students are not billed for office visits, there

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Conservatives gathered outside the Capitol in St. Paul to protest the stimulus package.

## Protesters party like it's 1773

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It was a cold night on December 16, 1773 when a group of Boston colonists threw three shiploads of British tea into Boston Harbor.

This iconic protest was the beginning of a movement that became the American Revolution. Participants of the Boston Tea Party fought the injustice of the British Tea Act. They believed there was an infringement on their constitutional rights to be fairly taxed by their elected representatives.

Over 230 years later, a group of UMD students joined hundreds of thousands of people in Duluth, Minn., and across the nation in a Tax Day Tea Party, modeled after that night, to protest the current government stimulus package.

With a turnout of 500 to 700 people, a crowd of protesters gathered by the DECC as the Duluth Tea Party began to brew.

Several speakers had the opportunity to address the crowd on a variety of issues, but the main focus of the day was the belief that the American government has been spending unprecedented amounts of money, and has been overstepping their boundaries on the liberties of U.S. citizens.

UMD College Republican co-chair, Jake Loesch, was invited as one of the speakers at the rally in Duluth.

"I was asked to speak at the event primarily as a representative of the next generation: the generation that will have to bear the burden of exorbitant government spending," Loesch said.

In his speech, Loesch looked ahead and spoke of the future.

"I am concerned about my future, and I challenge every single American lawmaker to prove to us that they

care about us. I want them to provide me and my generation with a future that we can look forward to, not one that we will have to dread as debt looms over us," Loesch said.

With some of the protest signs at the event bearing messages directed at President Barack Obama and other politicians, the general theme of the Tea Parties all across the nation was to express concern as bipartisan citizens about the massive increase in government spending.

Loesch, as well as other members of the UMD College Republicans, also made their way to the state capitol in St. Paul to join 10,000 Minnesotans. They listened to speakers that spanned the political spectrum.

The protest was made up of everyday people coming together to voice concern and frustration with Washington. They wanted to show that they have a desire to stay informed and work as an important member of their political system, according to Loesch.

As homage to the massive power of the Internet as communication, the Nationwide Tea Party Movement was sparked and grew solely using online forms of communication.

The estimates totaled over 300,000 participants nationwide.

Obama was one of the first to capitalize on use of the Internet during his campaign. Protests and events like these will likely follow his footsteps. By harnessing the speed and range of online media, future organizers will be able to inform citizens on the issues, to motivate a cause or to bring the concerns of the people to resounding action.

To find out more information about the Nationwide Tea Party Movement, the organization has a Web site at [taxdayteaparty.com](http://taxdayteaparty.com).



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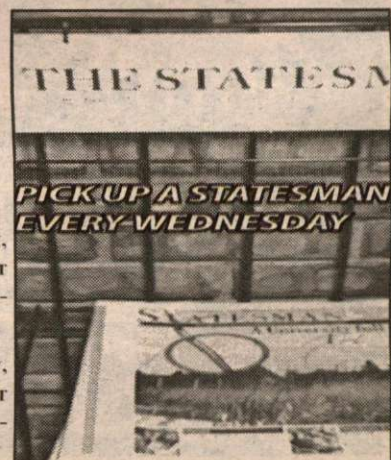
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## Call him Matt McGregor, boxer and student

BY DAVID COWARDIN

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"How's that for a great amateur fight," the announcer said as the third and final round was concluded between UMD's own Matt McGregor and his opponent Alex Eskola. Both McGregor and Eskola fight out of Horton's gym in Duluth.

"He punches hard," McGregor said before the match. "I've got to get in and get out and not get caught by his hooks."

He was on his toes Thursday night. While keeping his hands up and driving his opponent to all corners of the ring, McGregor swung his way to a victory.

It was a tightly fought battle, but McGregor came out on top after a split decision by the judges. His fight was the 10th bout on the Golden Gloves event card at Grandma's Sports Garden.

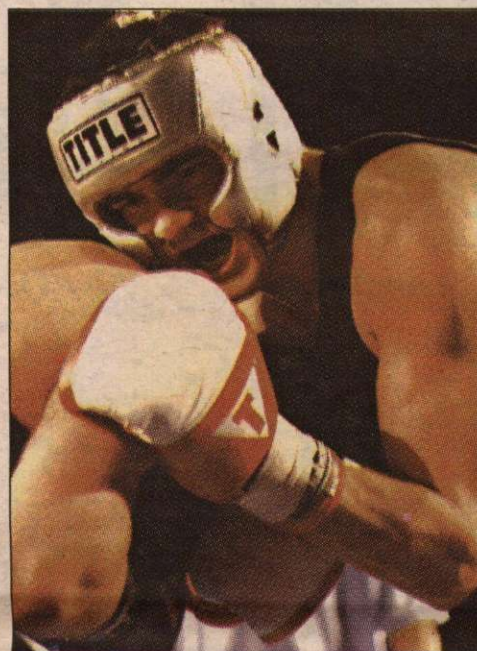
The fight consisted of three rounds at two minutes each, so the fighters only had to tough out six minutes in the ring, but those six minutes are no walk in the park when fists are flying and adrenaline is pumping.

"It's 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical," McGregor said. "If your mind is not in it, you'll get knocked out."

Even though the mental aspect of boxing plays a heavy card in the sport, McGregor spends two hours a day at Horton's gym, and then continues his workout at home where he runs anywhere from two to four miles.

To fuel his strenuous workouts, he eats spaghetti four to five times per week to keep a steady load of carbohydrates in his system.

In the crowd, Andy "Kaos" Kolle was supporting all the Horton gym fighters. Kolle has recently secured the Minnesota Middleweight boxing title after a one-punch knockout. He holds an impressive record of 18-2 with a total of 13 knockouts, one of which came at a



convenient time.

Since both McGregor and Eskola fight out of Horton's gym, Kolle wasn't rooting for either; he just wanted to see a good fight.

Kolle agreed with McGregor that the sport takes a lot of mental strength, but he also stressed the importance of keeping fit.

"If you get tired in boxing, you get hurt," Kolle said. "It's not like basketball when you get tired and just look stupid, in boxing you get hurt."

McGregor hopes to advance his boxing career to the professional level, and Kolle believes it's definitely capable of happening.

"He's a tough kid; he works hard in the gym," Kolle said.

Kolle has earned himself a title and the



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**Matt McGregor (yellow) uppercuts Alex Eskola during a boxing match last week at Grandma's Sports Garden in Canal Park**

nickname "Kaos" for his performance and experience in the ring, something that McGregor hopes he will earn over the course of his boxing career.

After watching him fight Thursday night, fans could have manufactured a number of nicknames for him relating to his quick speed

and tenacious spirit.

"They say they kind of grow with time, so mine hasn't really developed yet," McGregor said in regards to nicknames.

Call him a pit bull, call him a cobra, heck, just call him Matt McGregor, because that's who he was in the ring last Thursday night.

## The Lit Guild's 'Roaring Muse' is back in print and up for sale

BY ASHLEY GOEDKER

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Students and faculty gathered in the UMD library on Friday, April 17, to hear literary readings and celebrate the revival of UMD's "The Roaring Muse" magazine.

Poetry, fiction and art have a voice once again; it is heard throughout the pages of the literary magazine.

UMD's Literary Guild magazine has been dormant for the last couple of years, said

senior Ruth Knezevich, an English major. Knezevich is a contributing editor for the magazine.

"This year there was a great interest of the Literary Guild for the revival," Knezevich said. Students put their heads together in the fall of 2008 with UMD English professor Joseph Maiolo, said Knezevich.

The highlight of the event was inspirational and comedic readings that were given by Maiolo and Connie Wanek, a local author. Maiolo read excerpts from three of his books

on Friday evening and Wanek read various poems from some of her books.

After introductions and literary readings, the Muse was ready for its first sale, in which readers can expect the musing of the art and literature world.

"We're hoping to make enough money to keep it going," said senior Nathan Graves, editor-in-chief of the magazine.

According to Graves, the guild raised enough money for the first run by conducting bake sales, used book sales and donations

from various businesses like Bixby's Café, Amazing Alonzo and Paperback Exchange.

The Muse will be sold in Kirby Plaza across from the UMD Stores Lower Level for a couple of weeks.

Students can attend another Literary Guild event on April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Garden Room. There will be readings of authors printed in the Muse followed by an open mic night for other readings.





## Anishinabe club revives powwow event

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The Anishinabe club on campus is making the effort to bring an important cultural event back onto the calendar. On May 2-3, a powwow will be held at Central High School to honor the traditions and ceremonies of the Native American cultures.

The Anishinabe student organization at UMD has teamed up with the College of St. Scholastica (CSS) and Duluth high schools to start the powwow event back up again, which had previously been in remission for a few years, according to senior, and Anishinabe group member, Veronica Nelson.

"I'm really proud of the Anishinabe student organization ... there has been momentum to put this together," Nelson said.

The powwow, a two-day event, will include a grand entry and a feast on both days.

"The grand entry consists mainly of elders and veterans who we wish to honor," Nelson said. "It's to honor those who have worked

hard to keep us where we are and our traditions."

Nelson said there would also be a variety of dancers and drummers performing traditional dances like the shawl dance, fan dancers, a grass dance and the jingle dress dance. Dancers range from adults to children and youth.

The feast will include several traditional dishes like mashed potatoes, wild rice and fry bread.

"This is a community powwow and more of a ceremony to us, and it says the message of togetherness and a celebration because it's spring," Nelson said. "I think it's a great opportunity to come into Duluth and see what the powwows are all about."

The grand entry will take place at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday. The feast will take place at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The event is free and open to the public, and Nelson made sure to add that all people are welcome to participate in the dancing.

## Local galleries celebrate art and Earth Day

BY WESLEY LYNCH  
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A faint song could be heard echoing throughout the rooms of the Tweed Museum of Art on Saturday, April 18. Patrons shuffled about the artwork, which included everything from traditional paintings to a sculpture made of oil cans, as they listened to the song of a local street performer.

The 19th annual Art for Earth Day Gallery Hop showcased 10 Duluth art galleries connected by two trolleys, with live entertainment from local street performers at each location.

The Tweed, in coordination with the Gallery Hop, opened their annual student exhibition and also featured work from artists Chris Monroe and Wanda Gág.

Bill Shipley, who is on the education staff at the Tweed and a weekend tour guide, said that the number of visitors was slightly higher than last year's Gallery Hop, and much higher than the average weekend.

Shipley also said that the Tweed staff has had some concerns over the amount of visitors due to the slumping economy. He said that they are asking people to fill out an informal survey, which would also enter them into a drawing for an art book.

"I'm an optimist," Shipley said. "I keep thinking things are getting better."

Shipley said that the event was being held because it's springtime and people want to come out to see what's new. He said that some of the pieces, especially the ceramics, imply a connection with the earth.

"Artists reflect what's going on," he said.

The purpose of the event was not only to promote local galleries, but also to promote what's going on in regards to that connection with the earth and spring.

"It's a legacy we don't own," he said. "We take, manage and make it better for the next generation."

As visitors filed in and out during the Gallery Hop, Shipley spoke with many of them and eagerly shared his knowledge of art and of the Tweed.

"I look forward to each trolley car," he said.

The Port Town Trolleys ran a free

shuttle service during the event, and had buskers, or street performers, performing onboard. Alan Dartanyan and his wife were on the next trolley.

"I really enjoy the galleries down in Canal Park," Dartanyan said.

Dartanyan said that this was the second year he and his wife have attended the Gallery Hop. The two had ridden around Duluth and visited galleries for nearly the full six-hour duration of the event. He said that the trolleys had a steady amount of people all day.

He also added that the buskers added a little something extra to the event.

Melvyn Magree was the busker assigned to work at the Tweed. He sang for a total of three hours, and in return, he earned a city of Duluth 2009 Busking Permit. He said that this was the longest he'd ever sung.

"I won't be able to talk tomorrow," he said.

Magree takes University for Seniors classes for Russian at UMD. He uses his foreign language experience to sing songs from all over the world. He sang in Russian, Italian, German and Swedish, among others.

"Some people like it, most people just wander through and don't react," he said.

Dick and Debbie Cooter were on hand while Magree sang. Dick is a potter, and Debbie is a weaver. Together they operate an art gallery in Two Harbors.

"It's a good excuse for us to get out, and it brings a lot of people into the galleries," Dick said.

Dick said that the work they do in creating functional art is itself a statement about the importance of having a connection with the earth. He said that they were out also to get inspiration and to have fun.

Magree had a smile on his face at the end of his busking shift, despite the fact that his throat hurt, he said, and that his tip hat was empty.

"I'm not in it for money anyhow," he said, "just for fun."

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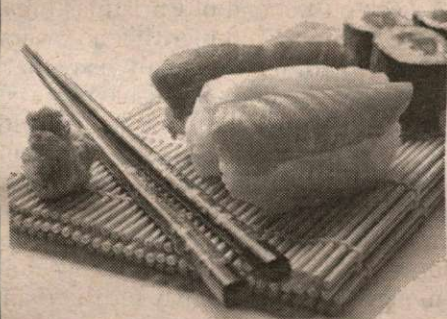
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### OUR VOICE: SA needs to spread the word

When it comes to an election, big or small, the key to voter turnout is informing the public. The lack of information was the reason for such low-voter turnout in the election for Student Association (SA) President.

In an election that drew only a little over 500 voters on a campus that has around 11,000 total students, the issue has to go beyond lack of interest. In this case, the students can justifiably plead ignorance.

The defensibility of this ignorance is debatable, as it was possible to find information on the election if one were to search. However, when it comes voting, information should be readily available, not something people have to search for. Students simply lacked these informative resources.

Not only did most students not know about the election, most probably don't even know the SA president position exists, and those who do probably have no idea what he or she does.

This isn't a way of knocking any of the candidates, or former SA presidents. They probably ran excellent campaigns and did a commendable job at the helm. The students are just unaware, to no fault of the candidates. Spreading information at UMD can be a difficult task.

When the two primary sources of information are e-mail and wall posters, material tends to get lost in the shuffle. The majority of students seem to wander right past the poster walls, and most check their e-mail with about an equal level of interest. It is hard to co-erce a person's interest.

Students will remain unaware unless something changes.

Why not, then, hold these elections in November, when students are already in a ballot-casting frame of mind?

Yes, this would leave less time for campaigning, but at least they would be campaigning to people who may actually vote.

And yes, the winner would be a year away from taking over the job, but raising awareness and student involvement is worth having the SA president wait in the wings and prepare for a while longer. Plus, a little extra preparation never hurt anyone.

There may be no perfect solution, but it is clear that if the SA wants to raise involvement in these elections, something has to change. Otherwise, students will continue on the path of ignorance.

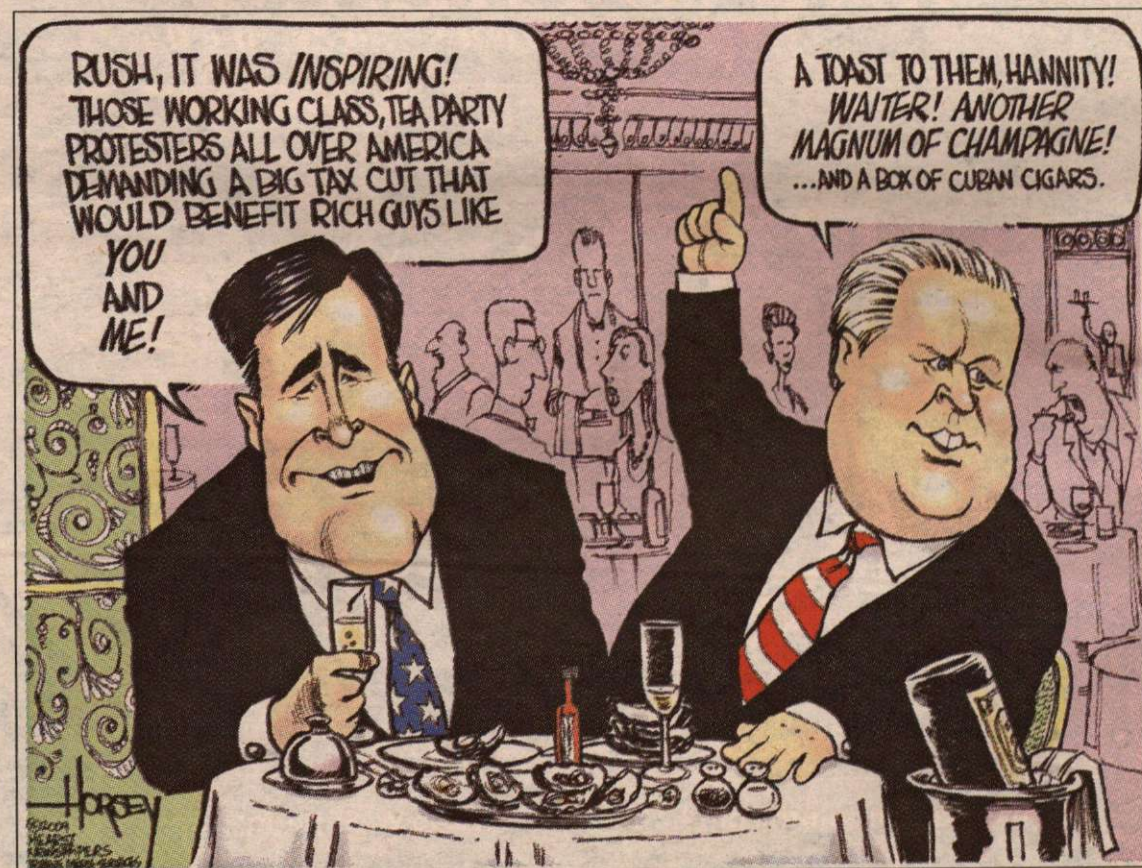
Eric Johnson

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Every day counts

The school year is finally drawing to a close; the end of every day brings us that much closer to summer. Even though it feels great to be winding down another academic year, I still can't help but feel a little resentment about the fact that UMD—and all U of M—students have to once again wait until mid-May before their finals are finished. Other colleges in the state are excused as early as May 1, with another large chunk getting out a week before us on May 8. This leads to several problems. First, and perhaps most noticeably, there is the constant gloating from friends who have the privilege of attending a school that is excused before UMD. We've all seen the Facebook statuses with countdowns far shorter than our own. This leads to the second problem of an increased distraction and a decreased work ethic. With all the talk from people who have only a week or so to go, all I can concentrate on is that area of time following my last final. At this point you may think that I just like to complain. After all, us UMD students do get around a week or more off for Christmas break than many other schools in the state. But I really do have a legitimate concern when it comes to our summer vacation's tardiness. Many students, myself included, are searching for summer employment and intern-

ships. Our peers, who are excused from their academic year earlier than us, are going to have an edge in the eyes of employers. Even a week's difference in availability between two potential employees could determine who gets the job. The last thing we, UMD students, need, especially in this unsatisfactory job market, is one more obstacle standing between us and that competitive internship, or that chance at getting a decent-paying summer job. On top of that, one more week of summer with a full-time job adds up to a few hundred more dollars in our bank accounts. I myself would not object to cutting that extra week off the end of Christmas break and adding it onto our summer. It's not a new idea. Two years ago, my freshman year, that's exactly what our schedule looked like: a week shorter in winter, a week more for summer. It's the U of M's job to make sure that we students are able to compete in the "real world." I think that it's about time the administration takes into consideration that our summers are a chance for us to gain valuable work-place experience, and to make money that will help pay for the rising costs of education. Every day counts.

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## Mass government spending on stimulus bill defies logic

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Ask any American what the biggest problem in America is, and you'll get a variety of answers. Some will say crime, some illegal immigration, others the economy. An answer rarely heard is "over-politization." In America, we have a two-party system that is full of finger-pointing politicians, who are too busy trying to get re-elected to actually get anything done. Every issue in the country gets polarized by politicians who are only too eager to benefit by pulling Americans away from each other to get votes. Issues that should be non-partisan are turned into heated arguments designed to garner popularity, not to help Americans.

Why do Republicans get so upset if one of their candidates suggests helping the environment, despite the fact that a healthier

environment benefits everyone? Why did Democrats get upset when the Partial Birth Abortion Ban was made law, considering that this procedure is never medically necessary, and involves delivering all of a baby's body except the head, then vacuuming the child's brain out through a puncture in the skull.

In both cases, politicians are toeing a party line, too scared that they will lose votes if they actually stick to common sense.

The same thing is happening right now with our current economic crisis. It's disturbing to hear the usual banter while every day people are suffering. Republicans say Obama is too depressing, and then people accuse him of not being realistic. People who don't want tax increases are labeled as right-wing extremists and potential threats to society. Why? Because now it's all about wanting to make Obama look good or bad; it has nothing to do with real life.

What common sense, not political affiliation, dictates is it is never a good idea to try to spend your way out of debt, which is what our government is doing. As college students, we should be especially aware of this. Many of us have loans for college. When we graduate, we're going to have to pay that money back with interest, which means that we're paying more for education than it's worth, if we're speaking just in monetary terms. As a college student without loans, I don't go out to eat often, don't buy as much, and look for extra ways to get money so I can pay tuition. As a result, I will be graduating from UMD this year without owing them anything. I had to cut back and so do thousands of people, but not the government; they spend more.

They don't stop spending because they won't have to deal with the consequences. By the time that Americans realize that our debt keeps growing, they will be retired or dead.

The same people who are willing to blame Bush (rightfully so) for the debt from Iraq refuse to be concerned by the fact that trillions of dollars are being spent to try to eliminate a debt of billions. This defies logic. It might make the current economy a little better, just like getting loans to pay for school allows for a good education and employment, but eventually that money is going to have to be paid back. And where is that money going to come from? Taxes? We're already being squeezed dry and losing jobs rapidly. All this while our politicians powder their noses and wigs and pretend to care. Now is the time to tell them you've had enough. In the name of future generations and our own well-being, call your congressmen/women and tell them to stop the spending now, or pay the price next election.

## Leave the ego out of politics

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After half a century of hostile exchanges, President Barack Obama extended an olive branch to Cuba. His method of doing so is a policy that has been set forth lifting all restrictions on individuals to visit and send remittances to relatives in Cuba.

One step toward bandaging this damaged relationship is Obama's willingness to meet with any leader or figure of power of any country, including Cuba's former dictator Fidel Castro and the current president, Raul Castro.

This foreign policy measure has received much flack since it was announced in Obama's candidacy, but why? Because taking military action against a country is much more satisfying than simply sitting down and discussing things? Because being civilized human beings with a willingness to listen to the opinions of others rather than shutting out the opposition's arguments is just not acceptable?

What I fail to understand is why the U.S. has let such an unreceptive relationship exist for so long. The main reason such hostility has existed is simply pride. Over the past years, American presidents have let pride get in the way of a potential semi-friendly foreign relationship

with another country, while using that country's tyrannical leader as the public scapegoat.

Lifting the restrictions from visits and money in Cuba will only boost the opportunities to re-develop a relationship. However, Obama is holding off on completely trusting Cuba until all signs of tyranny cease.

However, why is Obama waiting out Cuba's transformation to a more "appropriate" form of government, when the U.S. is able to invade Iraq under the pretense of fixing their abhorrent government and establishing a democracy to help the Iraqis? Aren't Cubans suffering from many human rights issues regarding their own government? Isn't that just as worthy of sending troops in or does oil need to be present to justify the expense?

Though I would prefer if this Cuba debacle was solved overnight, I know that is not possible. Therefore, I commend Obama on his willingness to be thoughtful on this situation, but I still think he can do more.

Obama needs to rethink his reasoning for not completely developing a relationship with Cuba. The reason needs to be solid and not based on American arrogance and pride over a crisis that happened nearly 50 years ago. Emotions and

ego need to be left out of political decisions, especially ones involving grudges created by former alpha male presidents. At the rate Obama is going with his plans to meet with any country's leader, I believe he is only going to step into the right direction and lead this country to a proper place.

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## Kayaking between the icy banks of the Brule

### Destination: Brule River, Wis.

BY DAVID COWARDIN  
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Kayaking with ice still clinging to the riverbanks? Yes sir!

Last Friday, when temperatures seemed too good to be true, I accompanied three friends on a journey across state lines into Wisconsin. We put our kayaks in at Winneboujou landing around 6 p.m., a bit later than anticipated, but were able to make it to Highway 2 within an hour and a half.

The Brule River is a tributary of Lake Superior, and is only about a 45 minute drive from Duluth, just a hop, skip and a jump for any avid kayaker. The section between Winneboujou and Highway 2 holds class I-II rapids; Hall and Little Joe rapids are the most notable in that stretch.

Since the sun was receding behind the trees throughout our run, we weren't able to see any fish. However, when we conversed with a couple people finishing their canoe route at Winneboujou, they reported several fish sightings. The trout streams opened on Saturday for fisherman, so Friday was the last day those fish could feed without having to distinguish between a hand-tied fly

and the real thing, and the last day kayakers could paddle free without having to maneuver around fisherman.

About halfway through our paddle, we came across two men in a canoe. They spotted a lure hanging from a bush on the side of the river and both leaned to grab it but ended up in the drink. I will remind you that there was still ice lining the shores, so their plunge was a hair raiser. They ended up retrieving the lure after all their struggles, so maybe it was all worth it ... just maybe.

Along the journey, grouse could be heard thumping in the woods, and at one point a female grouse fluttered across the river in front of me. We also spotted beaver, deer, a hawk, king fishers, wood ducks and a bald eagle along the meandering banks of the Brule. If our cameras were water-resistant, we could have snapped a few great images of these sightings while paddling.

At one point, we came across a section of river that was quite popular among the beavers. Trees were chewed down just about everywhere, one of which had fallen across the river, creating an obstacle for us. There was a point in the middle of that particular tree that was mostly submerged, so we were able



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**A half-submerged tree made for a tricky kayak maneuver on the Brule.**

to get a running start and jump it with our kayaks. At this point the two men in their canoe caught up with us and tried to jump the tree as well, they failed miserably, but smiled

while doing so.

We made it back with only 15 minutes of

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## Hand-crafted fishing tackle helps save students money

BY SCOTT SCHMIDLEY  
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Students, who were interested in customized tackle, made their own fishing lures with the professionals at LDE Tackle on Tuesday, April 14. How to make a good spinner was the focus of the event, without all of the flashy bells and whistles.

"Most of the lures out there today are made to catch fishermen," said Ralph Ehresman of LDE Tackle Inc. Ehresman went on to mention that LDE spinners may not be flashy, but it's the mechanical functions of the lure that really make the difference in catching fish.

The spinner itself is a type of fish-

ing lure that uses a piece of glossy metal to rotate and create vibrations in the water when it is reeled in. LDE Tackle gave students the necessary skills to make their own spinners while sparing their wallets.

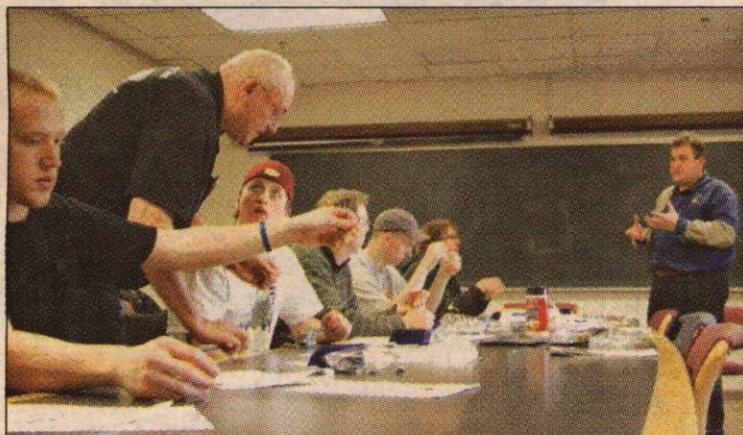
Larry Ehresman, Ralph's son, said, "The reason we like to make our own tackle is because we like to fish differently than other people." He continued, "There are many poorly made spinners out there, and a really great spinner for sale at a bait shop or sporting goods store can be hard to find."

LDE makes a wide range of fishing equipment that is both reliable and inexpensive. The students that participated in the event took with

them the lures they had made, as well as some expert fishing advice from Larry and Ralph. Their favorite spots to fish are Trout Lake, Shallow Lake, Caribou Lake and the Mississippi River.

Some of their tips included the importance of a good knot, which jigs to use in relationship to lake temperature and some personal insights on colored lures.

The participants shared some of their favorite spots as well. Senior Andrew Kleve has had luck at Fish Lake, Pike Lake and Lake Superior. He caught a sturgeon in Lake Superior Bay several years ago on crappie minnows and a colored jig, just above the lake's floor.



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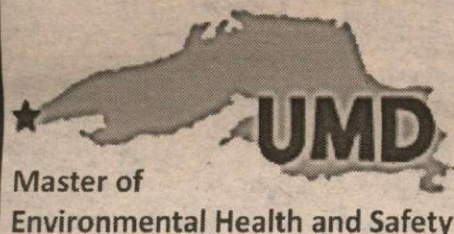
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When: Tuesday, May 5, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Register by noon, May 4

Where: Bagley Nature Area.

Cost: \$3 UMD students/ \$5 others.

**Catt'in the Louie**

What: Fish for jumbo catfish, eat brats and learn about fish conservation around the campfire.

When: Wednesday, May 6, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Meet at the Trailhead in SpHC lobby.

Cost: \$5 UMD students/ \$9 others.

**DNR License Expiration Notice**

What: 2008 fishing licenses, fish house licenses, trout stamps and fish tags expire.

When: April 30

Fee: Depending on license type, fees can range from \$5 to \$78

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daylight remaining, and the mosquitoes shortly followed. Yes, the mosquitoes were out, it was the only sad moment of the trip, but a rather inevitable interaction.

If you haven't tried kayaking in the Duluth area, I highly recommend it. The Brule is a great place to start. I would recommend beginning above Highway 2 where the rapids aren't as arduous.

If you haven't kayaked before, no problem; the RSOP can assist you in preparing for your first outing.

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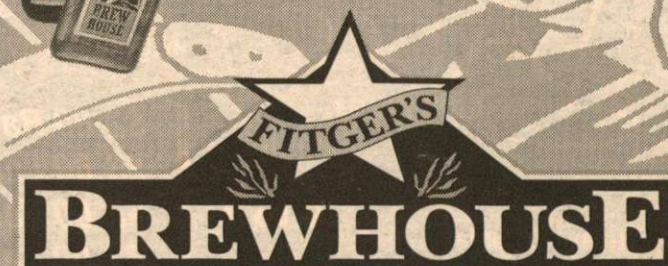
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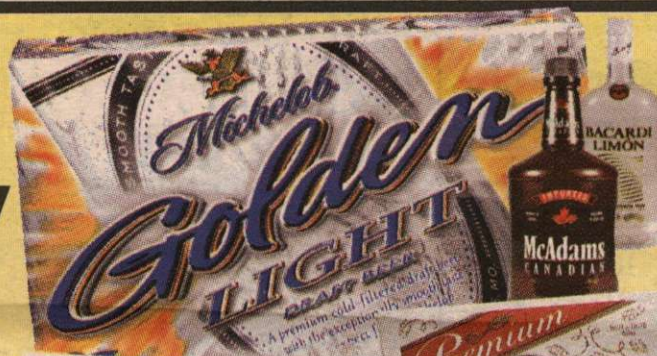
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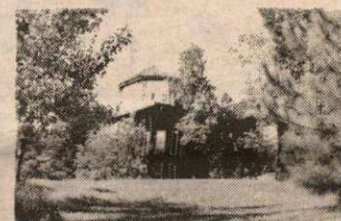
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## Athlete of the Week: Casey Moore

BY BRIAN MICHAUD  
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This week features a star Bulldog athlete, sophomore Casey Moore, who returns for her second season as an important UMD outfielder. Moore, who was a three-year softball starter at Woodbury High School, was also a volleyball all-star. She has played in all 36 games this season, and has accumulated 109 total at-bats. She also owns the No. 1 slot for home runs with seven. And she also places second on the team in both RBIs and Total Bases.

**High school:** Woodbury

**Major:** Business

**Year:** Sophomore

**Favorite sport (besides softball):** Volleyball

**Favorite class:** Psychology - Theories of Personality

**Favorite movie:** "The Holiday"

**Favorite professional sports team:** The Minnesota Twins

**Most memorable sports moment:** Hitting a Grand Slam in the NCC Tournament last year against

Augustana

**Plans after UMD:** Start a career in medical sales.

"I want to move someplace warm and get married to Joe Mauer!" Moore said.

**Reflection on their season:**

"This season has had its ups and downs. We've played our hearts out, but sometimes things just didn't fall into place," she said.

Although not succeeding quite to their potential thus far, Moore remains hopeful of her teammates.

"I believe we will peak at the perfect time; all we need to do is stay sharp and put it all together," Moore said.

With confidence on their side and more hard work from the ladies on the squad, the limits are endless for the 2009 season.

"I can see us winning the rest of our games and making it far in postseason if we keep playing our game," she said.

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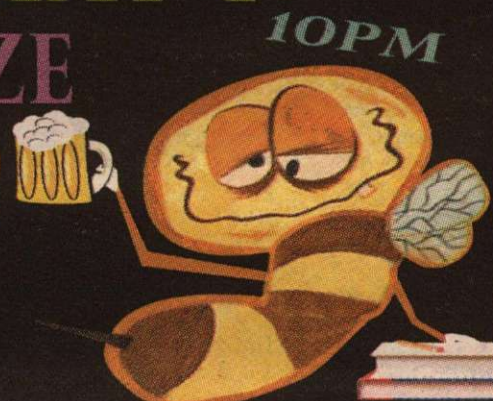
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to come.

Friday's night game appeared in doubt for the Dogs after Bemidji rallied to take a 5-4 lead after five innings, but in the sixth UMD turned their entire weekend around. After scoring seven runs on eight hits in the inning, UMD would not trail again for the rest of the series.

Olson again starred at the plate Friday night; going 3-4 with his ninth homer of the year. Kyle Dahl also homered and Josh Taran picked up his first pitching victory of the season.

## Saturday

The final two games of the series brought more of the same Bulldog triumph introduced Friday night. To start the day UMD returned the favor from Friday's first game and laid a 13-2 walloping on the Beavers before blanking them 4-0 in the series finale.

Saturday's first game was never

in doubt. After jumping ahead 3-0 in the game's first four innings, the Dogs exploded for a 10 run fifth to put the game entirely out of reach. Nine Bulldogs managed to drive in runs and Tyler Erickson and Josh Threlkeld both knocked one out of the park. Wilfahrt Jr. took a complete game victory on the mound, scattering nine hits and two earned runs over his seven innings of work.

The final game of the series saw UMD pitcher Anders Engberg completely shut down the Beavers for his second win of the year. The freshman struck out 11 and allowed only five hits over six innings on the hill. Josh Foreman pitched a perfect seventh to complete the shutout. Will Dahlgren's third homer of the year, a two-run shot in the third inning, provided the Dogs' offensive fireworks for this game.

The Dogs will return to action Wednesday at home for a double-header with Minnesota-Crookston and then travel to Winona to play four over the weekend.



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## Home meet sets the pace

## TRACK

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In the first home meet of the season for the track teams, both the men and women took advantage of the weather.

Both the men and women track teams won their divisions and with decent weather, set many personal bests and records. Seniors Liz Palkie and Alyssa Wendt led the women with their finishes in the 800 meter, by going 1,2.

Another 1, 2 finish was had in the hammer throw, with seniors Maria Swanson and Cassie Corrigan throwing 163' 8" and 162' 8" respectively.

For the men sophomore Brian Ott was a double event winner in both the 200 meter and the 400 meter. Senior Eric Atkinson won the 5,000 meter with a time of 15:05.5, and added to the point total.

In the 400-meter hurdles, they had a 1,2 finish of their own, with senior Chris Parno winning the event and junior Forrest Randall taking second. Field events were also won by senior Tom Soldner in the throws, and junior Steve Milkovich taking the triple jump.

Up next in the Bulldogs schedule is the Drake Relays and Simpson Invitational in Iowa, with an alternative meet at Gustavus.



## Softball team takes advantage of playing at home, wins 4 of 6

### SOFTBALL

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The UMD women's softball team finally opened a 14-game home stand last week with three NSIC doubleheaders. UMD went 4-2 playing two games apiece against Minnesota State-Moorhead, Wayne State (NE) and Augustana.

#### Wednesday vs. Minnesota State-Moorhead

In their home opener the Bulldogs crushed the Dragons in two games, outscoring them 23-5 in the mid-week doubleheader.

In the first game, sophomore third baseman Sammie Gardner went 3-5 with two RBIs, and Sonja Muck added four more RBIs to lead the Bulldogs to a 13-5 victory. Star junior pitcher Kristin Danielson struck out 10 in a complete game victory on the mound, according to the UMD Web site.

The second game was more of the same as the Bulldogs piled on last-place Moorhead for a 10-0 five-inning win. Catcher Ashley Johnson had three hits to go with three RBIs to lead the Dogs at the plate, and Danielson

again went the distance for her 12<sup>th</sup> win of the season.

#### Saturday vs. Wayne State

Another superb effort from Danielson was wasted in the 2-1 opening loss to Wayne State. Danielson scattered four hits over seven innings, giving up zero earned runs, but still took the loss due to Gardner's costly two-run error in the second inning.

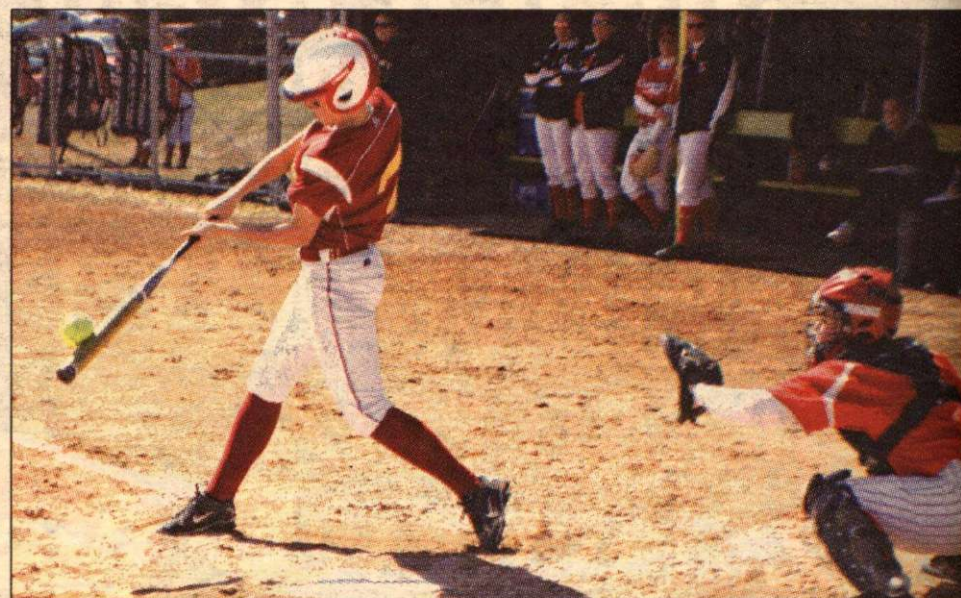
Red-hot left fielder Myriam Trepanier's solo home run in the bottom of the second was the lone run for UMD.

Danielson took things into her own hands in the second game, hitting a first-inning, three-run homer and driving in all four of UMD's runs in their 4-0 victory.

Heather Stemper picked up the slack on the mound, allowing only two hits in her complete game shutout win, according to the UMD Web site.

#### Monday vs. Augustana

The Bulldogs had a chance to sweep Augustana on Monday, but Danielson's inability to close the door left the Bulldogs with a 1-1 split on April 20.



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#### Senior in fielder Sonja Muck connects with a Moorhead State pitch.

UMD entered the seventh inning in Monday's first game with a 6-4 lead. It was 6-5 with two outs, but the Vikings rallied to hand UMD a 9-6 loss.

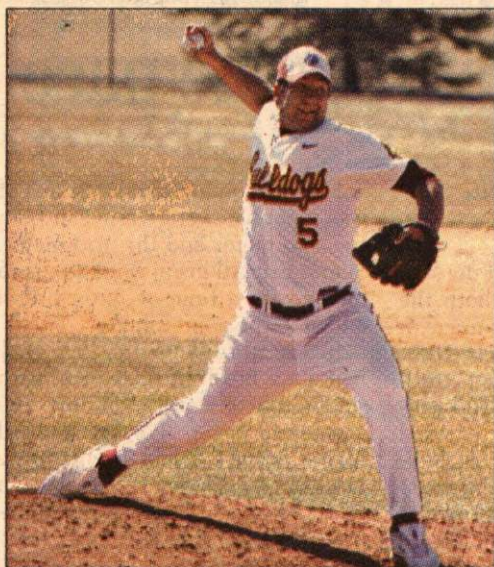
Trepanier went 4-4 at the dish to raise her batting average to a team-high .377, and Taylor van Damme added three RBIs in the heartbreaker.

UMD got its revenge in the second game, when Casey Moore launched a school record three home runs, leading her squad to a 10-1 win. Moore now has a team-leading 10 homers on the season, according to the UMD Web

site.

Despite giving up eight runs on Monday, Danielson has been rock solid on the mound and at the plate this season for the Bulldogs. She's batting .360 with six home runs and 37 RBIs, which places her second, second and first on the team, respectively. As the Bulldogs' No. 1 starter, she's logged a whopping 147 innings, striking out 128, while maintaining a 12-10 record and 2.67 ERA.

The Bulldogs play 10 more NSIC conference games next week, eight of them at home before the conference tournament, May 1-2.



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Junior pitcher Gary Wilfahrt, Jr. threw four full innings last Wednesday.

## Team surges at the right time for a strong finish

### BASEBALL

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With the end of spring season less than a month away, UMD's baseball team is starting to surge at the right time; going 4-2 in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) play last week.

#### Wednesday

To start the week, the Bulldogs played host to the Minnesota State-Mankato Mavericks in UMD's home opening doubleheader. The Dogs (16-24 overall, 8-12 NSIC) managed only one win, but were competitive in both games with the Mavs (23-11, 16-2).

Despite UMD jumping to a 6-4 lead after four innings, Mankato surged back to take the first game 11-7. Gary Wilfahrt Jr. got

the start for the Bulldogs and pitched four relatively harmless innings before running into trouble in the fifth. It took three Bulldog pitchers to escape the fifth and by the innings end UMD was in a 9-6 hole that they would not recover from.

David Olson had a career day at the plate going 4-4 with two two-run home runs and driving in all seven UMD runs to become the school's all-time leader, according to the UMD Web site. Dylan McGaheeran took the loss on the mound after allowing three runs and failing to record an out in the third.

Wednesday's second game had little resemblance to the first. Riding an outstanding pair of pitching performances by Ben Jungers and Josh Foreman, UMD held on for a 2-1 win in eight innings. The two Bulldog pitchers allowed only seven hits and combined to strike out 10 Maverick batters.

Hits were scarce for the Dogs, as they managed only four, but the timing of their hits were critical. With two gone in the bottom of the eighth, a walk and a Mankato throwing error put two Bulldogs on base for Brian Burman. The junior catcher responded with a game-winning single to split the day.

Burman was the only Bulldog with multiple hits and Foreman took the win to improve to 2-3 on the year.

#### Friday

With the weekend came a four game series with the Bemidji State Beavers in Bemidji. The dogs took the series three games to one, but were shellacked in Friday's opener 13-2. Luckily this was not an indicator of results